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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JAN 1-5.

HIGHLIGHTS:

--COVERAGE OF U.S.-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS TAKES  
A TURN FOR THE BETTER WITH FAVORABLE CITATIONS OF  
THE PRESIDENT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON, NASA  
DIRECTOR FLETCHER AND FORMER ACDA DIRECTOR FOSTER. NEGATIVE  
ITEMS, BY COMPARISON, WERE FEWER AND SMALLER;

--CSCE IS SINGLED OUT AS A MAJOR TRIUMPH FOR  
MOSCOW'S "PEACE POLICY" AND DETENTE WITH NON-  
COMMUNIST STATES HAS RE-EMERGED AS A CENTRAL POLICY  
THEME;

--THE PRESS CONTINUES TO PRAISE THE VIEWS OF  
FORMER GDR PRESIDENT PIECK AND THE SOVIET-GDR TRADE  
COORDINATION PLAN FOR 1976-80 WAS SIGNED ON DEC 31;

--ANGOLA COVERAGE STRESSED THE MPLA'S SUCCESSES  
IN THE NORTH;

--CHINA CRITICISM CONTINUES LIGHT;

--PHILLIPPINE PRESIDENT MARCOS IS QUOTED AS  
PLANNING TO VOSIT MOSCOW THIS SUMMER.

2. U.S. THE PRESS IS RENEWING STRESS ON THE BENEFITS  
OF COOPERATION WITH THE U.S., USING U.S. OFFICIALS  
AND BUSINESSMEN AS ITS SPOKESMAM. PRAVDA (JAN 2) CITES  
THE PRESIDENT'S DEC 31 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON  
CONTINUING TO PURSUE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS WITH  
THE SOVIET UNION, SPECIFICALLY A SECOND SALT AGREEMENT.  
ON ANGOLA, HOWEVER, THE SAME ITEM SAYS THAT THE  
PRESIDENT CONTINUED TO SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICAN INTER-  
VENTION. PRAVDA (JAN 5) REPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S LATER  
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INTERVIEW, INCLUDING HIS ENDORSEMENT OF THE ARMS  
LIMITATION ACCORDS TO DATE AND HIS CALL FOR FURTHER  
STEPS TO BRING THE VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING INTO  
EFFECT. PRAVDA JAN 1 QUOTES ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
RICHARDSON IN AN INTERVIEW WITH TASS ON PROGRESS MADE  
IN CULTURAL COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND ON  
FAVORABLE PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH  
COOPERATION (SEPTEL). KRASNAYA ZVEZDA JAN 1 HAS NASA

ADMINISTRATOR DR. FLETCHER TELLING A TASS COORESPONDENT THAT APOLLO-SOYUZ HAS SHOWN THAT THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION CAN "LIVE IN PEACE AND COOPERATE FRUITFULLY." PRAVDA JAN 3 PRINTS EXCERTPS OF FORMER ACDA DIRECTOR FOSTER'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT SUPPORTING FURTHER ARMS CONTROL STEPS IN AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND DECRYING "THE CAMPAIGN DEVELOPING IN THE U.S. WHICH IS CLEARLY AIMED AT PLACING IN A BAD LIGHT THE SOVIET UNION'S POSITION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS IT HAS CONCLUDED EARLIER." PRAVDA JAN 4 FRONT-PAGES CONTROL DATA CORPORATION PRESIDENT NORRIS SUPPORTING BROADENED TRADE TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND COMPLAINING THAT EXISTING RESTRICTIONS PUT U.S. BUSINESSMEN AT A DISADVANTAGE IN SUCH TRADE. KUDRYUMOV IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY IN PRAVDA JAN 3 SAYS THAT AMERICANS, WHILE MUCH CHASTENED BY REVELATIONS OF DIRTY DEALINGS BY "POLICE AND SUBVERSIVE AGENCIES"--DEALINGS WHICH ARE STILL BEING CONTINUED, HE EMPHASIZES--NEVERTHELESS LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR WITH HOPE. ONE BASIS FOR THIS HOPE IS FIRM, BROAD SUPPORT FOR DETENTE, HE CONTENDS, CITING OPINION POLLS TO REBUT COLUMNIST WILLIAM SAFIRE'S RECENT CONTENTION THAT "DETENTE IS DEAD". THE PRESS CONTINUES TO CARRY ASSORTED ANTI-AMERICANA, BUT THE VOLUME AND LEVEL OF NASTINESS IS DOWN FROM THAT WE EXPERIENCED IN PREVIOUS WEEKS.

3. CSCE/DETENTE. THE CAMPAIGN SINGING THE PRAISES OF "SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY" AND THE UNITY OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC, WHICH VIRTUALLY MONOPOLIZED THE PRESS DURING DECEMBER, HAS SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT, THOUGH IT STILL CONTINUES ON SOME SPECIFIC FEATURES (SEE PARA 4 BELOW). TO SOME DEGREE REPLACING IT IS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RETURN TO A MORE NORMAL EMPHASIS--NORMAL AS SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS--ON THE BENEFITS OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION WITH NON-COMMUNIST STATES. CSCE RECEIVES HIGH PRAISE AS A VICTORY FOR THE COMMUNIST BLOC AND ALL "PROGRESSIVE FORCES", AND INDEED WAS THE SOLE SPECIFIC FOREIGN POLICY ACTION SINGLED OUT IN THE TRADITIONAL PARTY/GOVERNMENT NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE (ALL PAPERS JAN 1) AS EXEMPLIFYING THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 24TH CONGRESS "PEACE PROGRAM". KRASNAYA ZVEZDA JAN 4 ANNOUNCED, WITHOUT DETAILS, MILITARY MANEUVER FOR WHICH ADVANCE NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED BY EMBASSY JAN 4 AS FIRST SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN CBM (SEPTEL).

4. COMMUNIST AFFAIRS. PRAVDA ON JAN 2 AND AGAIN ON

JAN 4 PUBLISHED ARTICLES PRAISING VIEWS HELD BY EX-GDR PRESIDENT WILHELM PIECK, ON THE NEED TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH, AND FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF, THE SOVIET UNION, IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AS WELL AS IN POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

PRAVDA JAN 1 REPORTS SIGNATURE ON THE PREVIOUS DAY OF THE FIVE-YEAR TRADE COORDINATION PLAN WITH THE GDR. THE TOTAL FIVE-YEAR PACKAGES WILL AMOUNT TO THIRTY-ONE BILLION RUBLES, REPORTS PRAVDA, AND SOVIET DELIVERY OF OIL WILL SATISFY 80-90 PERCENT OF THE GDR'S IMPORT NEEDS. A SIGNED PRAVDA COMMENTARY THE SAME DAY PRAISES THE AGREEMENT AS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY.

5. ANGOLA. PRAVDA 'JAN 4) CARRIES VARIOUS TASS REPORTS WHICH STRESS THE MPLA'S IMPROVING MILITARY SITUATION ON THE NORTHERN FRONT, AND STATE THE MPLA HAS ESTABLISHED COMPLETE CONTROL OVER CABINDA.

6. CHINA. MEDIA CRITICISM OF PEILING REMAINS LIGHT, WITH ONLY ONE SMALL ITEM NOTED IN THIS REPORTING PERIOD. THAT ONE WAS A REPORT ON THE SIGNING OF PRC-CHILE TRADE ACCORDS, WHICH ALLEGEDLY FURNISHES "PRACTICAL SUPPORT" TO THE "FACIST JUNTA."

7. PHILLIPINES. PRAVDA 'JAN 1) REPLAYS EXCERPTS  
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FROM PRESIDENT MARCO' DIE WELT INTERVIEW, INCLUDING HIS REMARKS THAT HE HOPES TO VISIT MOSCOW THIS COMING SUMMER AND THAT HE EXPECTS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO BE NORMALIZED BEFORE THAT. COMMENT: PRAVDA'S QUOTING OF THESE COMMENTS IMPLIES MOSCOW'S AGREEMENT WITH THEM.

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